



BENOVIA
WINERY

2016
GRENACHE
SONOMA MOUNTAIN



HARVEST NOTES

After 4 years of drought in Sonoma County, the 2016 growing season started with abundant and consistent rainfall, replenishing reservoirs and recharging soils with much needed water. Moderate spring temperatures encouraged the vines out of dormancy with an early bud break. Light but consistent rainfall and moderate temperatures in the spring provided optimal conditions for rapid shoot growth and the growing season got off to a fast and furious pace. Temperatures during bloom were nearly perfect in the Russian River Valley resulting in yields that are likely at, or near, Sonoma County's historic average. The weather through the summer continued with warm days and cool nights, with very few heat spikes.

WINEGROWER NOTES

This Grenache comes from the Four Brothers Vineyard along the north-western slope of Sonoma Mountain. The vineyard is situated in a cool microclimate because of its proximity to the cold wind and fog that blow through the Estero Gap from the Pacific Ocean. This multifaceted wine is produced from a field-blend of 3 different clones of Grenache, Syrah and a small amount of Alicante Bouchet. Harvested in the early morning, the fruit was rigorously hand sorted prior to destemming and open-top fermentation. Open-top fermentation with indigenous yeast produced a wine that will continue to improve with time in the cellar for 6 to 12 years.

TASTING NOTES

Cracked white pepper and Herbs de Provence aromas give into flavors of alpine strawberries and red currants. The lifted aromas are followed by flavor of red currant, melted licorice and grilling spices. Oak aging in neutral barrel for 15 months have added hints of savory herbs, grilled meats and aged mesquite to this complex and delicious wine.

VINEYARD SOURCES
Four Brothers Vineyard

HARVEST DATE
September 26th, 2016

ALCOHOL
14.5%

pH
3.65

TA
0.56 g/100ml

FERMENTATION
Open-top fermentation with indigenous yeast

COOPERAGE
16 months in French Oak, 100% neutral French Oak

BOTTLING
March 2018

CASES PRODUCED
168 cases

RELEASE DATE
March 2019